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## GERMANY.

*Report from Magdeburg—Decrease in tuberculosis in Prussia—Work of service of hygiene of dwellings.*

Vice-Consul Burrell reports, July 16:

From 1890 to 1906 there was an almost uninterrupted decrease in the number of deaths from tuberculosis, in absolute figures, as well as in relation to the number of inhabitants. While, in 1890, 84,086 deaths from tuberculosis were recorded, the number in 1906 was 64,459. As the population has increased during this period, the relative figures are more favorable. In 1890 there were for every 10,000 living, 28.35 deaths from tuberculosis; in 1906, 17.26.

The service of the hygiene of dwellings, as conducted by the medical officers of the districts, the police, and the health commissions, showed favorable results. Not only official bodies, but also private societies, building associations, etc., have done much to improve workingmen's homes, and among the working people themselves the appreciation of the value of sanitary dwellings is growing.

## GUATEMALA.

*Report from Puerto Barrios, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wailes reports:

Week ended July 29. Present officially estimated population, 250. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not reported.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 26	José .....	New York .....	27	3	.....	.....
27	Haakon VII .....	New Orleans .....	22	.....	.....	.....
29	Bertha .....	do .....	28	8	.....	.....

## HAWAII.

*Reports from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports, July 11 and 18, through Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer:

*Week ended July 11, 1908.*

Rats trapped in Honolulu .....	478
Rats found dead in Honolulu .....	0
Total rats taken in Honolulu .....	478
Honolulu rats examined in this laboratory .....	417
Rats examined in Hilo under supervision of this laboratory .....	9
Total rats examined bacteriologically .....	426
Total rats destroyed .....	487